



U.S. ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY REGION 4

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS ON ACCESS AGREEMENTS

SITE: Brown's Dump
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Access Agreement Update

Jacksonville, FL

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1. Why is the City of Jacksonville asking you to sign an Access Agreement?

The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is requiring the City to perform additional soil sampling of the properties located around Brown's Dump. Before the City can come onto private property and collect soil samples, permission from the property owner is needed. Permission is granted or denied in a document called an Access Agreement.

2. What is an Access Agreement?

An Access Agreement is a document between a property owner and another person, government, organization, etc. An Access Agreement represents the property owner's decision to allow specific tasks to take place on their property.

3. What tasks does the Access Agreement allow the City to perform on your property?

The Access Agreement allows City personnel, including their contractors, to come onto your property to collect soil samples from your yard. These samples will be examined in the field and some samples will be sent to a laboratory for testing to determine what level of contamination, if any, from Brown's Dump is present on your property. The soil collection process on your property will take between one to two hours.

NOTE: *If you have already signed an Access Agreement granting the City entry onto your property, no further action on your part is required for your yard to be sampled.*

4. What will happen if I choose not to sign the Access Agreement with the City?

If you choose not to sign the Access Agreement, your property will not be sampled.

5. I recall the City sampling yards in the past. Why is the City sampling again?

Soil sampling will determine whether contamination from Brown's Dump is present on your property and, if present, at what level. If unacceptable levels of contamination are found on your property, then the contamination will be cleaned up during the cleanup process.



If you have any questions, concerns, or comments, please feel free to call or contact us by using the information below.



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